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WATERMARKS.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

Canada.—In 1860 envelopes had a watermark P. O. D. C. A. and water lines running diagonally from the left upper to the right lower edges. The envelopes of 1877 have waterlines running semi-diagonally from the right upper to the left lower edges. In some these lines run from the left upper to the right lower edges. These latter are very rare.

Capo of Good Hope.—The first issue (triangular) had a watermark of an anchor. When the new type (rect) was introduced in 1864—which is the same now used—the stamps bore the watermark C C and a crown which was changed in 1882 to C A and a crown.

Cashmere.—A marked divergence in the stamps of this country is that the first issue (circular) of 1866 are printed on paper of native and those of 1877 on that of European manufacture, but the same dies were used with both.

Ceylon.—Of the first issue (1857) the 1d only has no watermark. All the others of the series have a star and are imperforate. They are valued at from 1s. 6d. to 20s. In 1861 the stamps were perforate but the same watermark was retained. Quotations for these are the same as for these of the preceding issue. The 1863 issue was also perforated but had no watermark. These are very

rare some being hardly procurable. In 1862 the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted. In 1832 a new type was introduced, but the watermark was continued the same till 1883 when it was changed to C A and a crown, and the colors of the stamps were then also changed.

China.—The first issue (1878) had no watermark and it was not till 1886 that a watermark, which was in the likeness of a conch shell, was adopted at the same time that a new type was introduced.

Cuba.—A peculiarity of the three first issues of Cuban stamps is that they are only distinguishable from each other by their different watermarks. The first (1855) has a sort of fringe of loops or lacing from each the upper and the lower edges; the second (1856) had a watermark of lozenges; and the third (1857) has no watermark.

Cyprus.—The first issue for this island made their appearance in 1880. They were merely the ordinary British stamps surcharged with the name of the island. The watermarks will be described when I reach Great Britain in this narration. In 1881 a regular issue was made for Cyprus which had the watermark C C and a crown, and was succeeded in 1883 by that of C A and a crown.

Dominico.—The first issue (1874) had the watermark of C C and a crown,

which was retained till 1883, when, as in other British Colonies, it became C A and a crown.

Falkland Islands.—When the first regular issue of stamps for this group appeared in 1878 they had no watermark, and they continued so till 1884 when they received that of C A and a crown. The first mentioned are rare. Some of the 1d. of the current issue by an "error" have the watermark sideways, these are valued at from 1s. 6d. to 2s.

Gambia.—In 1869 the first issue appeared. They were of the values of 4d. and 6d. and were imperforate and without watermark. These are very rare and difficult to procure. This type was retained until 1880, when the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted, five new values $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. and 1s. were added to the set and all were perforated.

Gold Coast.—Stamps were introduced in 1875, which bore the watermark of C C and a crown, which was changed in 1884 to C A and a crown, and new colors were adopted.

Great Britain.—The first issue of stamps was made in 1840, and was imperforate and without watermarks. Perforation was adopted there in 1854, and still obtains a watermark,—a small crown—was also then introduced, in 1855-6 for the crown were substituted on some stamps a middle-sized garter and on others a smaller one. Between 1854 and 1864 a larger crown than that mentioned above sometimes appears as a watermark. From 1862 to 1865 the watermark was four heraldic flowers for all the stamps except the 4d. which bore

a large garter. In 1867 the watermark for all stamps from the 3d. to the 2s. was changed to a spray of roses. The 5s. had a large Maltese cross as had also 10s. and £1 of 1878. The small $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of 1870 has for a watermark its value in words. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of 1873 has a watermark of a large crown, and the 6d. of the same year of a spray. In 1874-5 the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. had an anchor and the 3d., 6d., and 1s. a spray. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. in 1876-8 had an orb and the 4d. and 8d. a garter. In 1881 the watermarks of all values was changed to a large crown. In 1883 the 2s 6d., 5s., 10s., £1 and £5 had an anchor. In 1884 a new type values running from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to £1, received a large crown as a watermark.

Grenada.—The first issue (1d. and 6d.) had no water marks and are extremely rare. In 1864 the same stamps had a star as a watermark, as had also the provisional issue of 1881, with the addition of cross-lines. In 1882 the regular issue was adopted. It was a series of seven running from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1s., and had a watermark of C A and a crown. One peculiarity of this series is that instead of all the heads on a sheet being turned the same way, each alternate line is reversed in relation to the others and to the water marks, making two varieties of each value, which is very interesting to philatelists.

Hong-Kong.—The first issue appeared in 1862 and had no water mark. In the next year the C C and a crown was adopted, and was succeeded in 1882 by C A and a crown. The 2c. rose, 5c. blue and 10c. mauve were added to the former series in 1877, and successively bore both of the watermarks mentioned above.

India—From 1854 to 1864 the stamps had no watermarks, but in 1865 an elephant's head was adopted and retained till 1892, when a star was substituted for it on the new series, comprising nine values from 9 pies to 1 rupee—was introduced.

Jamaica.—The first issue was in 1860 and had a watermark of a pineapple. In 1876 this was changed to CC and a crown, and in 1885 to C A and a crown, and at the latter period the colors were altered.

Labuan.—The first series (1879) had C A and a crown running sideways.—These are extremely rare. In 1880-81 CC and a crown appeared, but was followed in 1885 by the C A and a crown upright.

Lagos got her first stamps in 1874, watermarked C C and a crown. In 1882 this was changed to C A and a crown. In 1885 new colors were adopted and a ½d. stamp added to the set having the then current watermark.

Malta.—The first issue (1860) of this island consisted of but one value, ½d. buff—it had no watermark. It is rare. Later on it was issued with the C C and a crown watermark, and in 1884, following the other British colonies, this became C A and a crown, and at the same time a new series ranging from ½d. to 5s. was introduced. The type of the ½d. was not changed but after a time the color was made green. Therefore the stamp with the latest watermark has appeared in both colors.

Mauritius issued its first stamps in 1847. Although there were several issues between that date and 1863 none had watermarks till those of the last-named

year when C C and a crown appeared. In 1868 a decimal system of currency was adopted which necessitated an entire change of stamps, but the watermark remained the same. This was a provisional series, and was succeeded in 1879 by a new and regular series with the old watermark. In 1882 the supply of the 2c. brown, 4c. orange, 8c. blue and 25c. drab ran short and they were reprinted with the new watermark C A and a crown, these first coming into use. In 1885 part of the series underwent a change of colors—the 2c. to green and the 4c. to rose. These two stamps in their original colors and with the last watermark are very rare.

Montserrat.—The first issue (1876) bore the watermark C C and a crown. In 1884 the 1d. and 6d. were issued with C A and a crown. These are rare. Later in the same year an entire new series of a different type appeared, and of course, bore the last named watermark.

Nevis stamps first appeared in 1861 without watermarks but received the C C and crown in 1880, when a 1d. and a 2½ stamp were added to the series. These two are extremely rare, as in 1882 the watermark changed to C A and crown, and new colors for the series were substituted.

New South Wales.—The first issue was in 1850, and was without watermark. In 1854 the first watermark appeared, being the numerals of value. Some "errors" occurred in printing this series as some of the 2d. are watermarked with 5, 6d. and 1s. with 8. In the issue of 1860 similar "errors" occur, some of the 3d. being watermarked 6; the 6d. with 5; the same value with 12; and

the 5d. with inverted watermark. All the above "errors" are naturally rare and valuable. In 1864 the 1d. and 2d. had no watermark. In 1865 the 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d. and 10d. had for a watermark a single line numeral of value, and some of the 2d. had a double line numeral of value. "Errors" occur also here as follows:—the 1d. with 2 watermark, and the 2d. bearing 1, 3 and 5 on different stamps. In 1870 a new type was issued bearing the watermark of N S W and a crown.

New Zealand issued her first stamps, but they had no watermarks till 1863, when one of a star was employed. But this only lasted one year, for in 1864 N Z was substituted. In 1873 the 2d. appeared without a watermark. A new type, perforated and bearing a new watermark—N Z and a small star—was introduced in 1874. In 1873 the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. appeared in two forms as regards watermarks, one being N Z and the other a star. In 1882 a postal and revenue series was issued bearing the watermark N Z and a small star.

Pouch, (India.)—This native state has never adopted watermarks, and its various issues are distinguishable by the different kinds of paper used in her stamps which are as follows—1st on battonne paper; 2nd on thin wove paper; 3rd on yellow battonne paper; 4th on thin wove yellow paper; and 5th on stout blueish paper.

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BY C. F.

Continued.

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- 1 cent black,
- 5 cents blue,
- 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green,
- 10 " vermilion,
- 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " black,

but in 1863 a 2 cent mauve was added.

The 1, 2 and 5 cent are alike, and have a profile of Queen Victoria to the left on shaded ground in a circle, a frame of scroll work with curved label containing the name (Nova Scotia) at top, and the same kind of label with value in letters at bottom. The 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 10 and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents are also of one design, having a crowned portrait of Queen, (head and shoulders) on solid disk, an oval inscription in scroll above, and value in marginal label at bottom.

They are all rectangular, and printed in colour on white paper. Although a variety of the 5 cent is found on blue tinted paper.

In July 1867 they were withdrawn upon the forming of the provinces into the Dominion of Canada, when stamps for the whole Dominion were issued. The 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent is by far the rarest of the set, a very dangerous counterfeit of which is in circulation, but which upon close examination can be easily detected.

The remainders, a limited number of which were left, were purchased by a prominent dealer.

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S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

Continued.

Next on the programme we find a batch of 900 surcharged. This time the 4 centimes being the victim. This issue occurred in the latter part of March 1885, but as by this time a great many collectors and dealers had got "the wind" of this new industry; it is safe to say that very few of these were used in the regular way of postage, but were immediately secured by parties who, by the way, were connected with dealers and collectors abroad, and thereby made this last mentioned variety extremely scarce in a used condition. By this time, the eyes of the Philatelic world were all directed to catch a glimpse of the next lot if any more were to come. If the time of waiting ever seemed long it was surely this time, and the expectation of seeing any more for the present being nearly given up, we settled our minds pretty nearly to that effect. It was about this time the philatelic paper got impatient, and some of them fairly howled again, condemning the surcharged stamps right and left, and naturely enough, being too late to obtain any of the first issues, and getting disappointed for any later ones, they thought they had a good cause. But lo, after 4 months of long waiting no less than 40,000 new surcharges were thrown on the market. Now was the time to grapple. Just

think 40,000, viz., 20,000 of the 10 on 40 centimes, and 20,000 of the 15 on 40 centimes. These last two varieties of course became quite easy to obtain, and as a matter of course range among the commonest varieties issued. We now draw a long breath again of nearly 5 months before we hear of any more surcharges; and consequently in the middle of December there appeared, as we might call it a sister surcharge to the two preceding ones; viz., a 5 on 40 centimes. Of this variety 6,500 are recorded to be the number, and besides what have passed through the mail in a regular way, a great many specimens of this variety have been secured for speculative purposes.

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We have every cause to be thankful with the success we have met with since we started, and we attribute this to the well written and interesting articles that we have been fortunate enough to secure from such able writers as Mr. Hechler, Mr. Larsen, C. F., and others.

Collectors will, as a rule, try most to obtain the journals that contain the most information and the best written articles, therefore, it will always be our object to endeavour to please them in this respect.

We might go on and fill a couple of

pages in just praises of our paper, and then not descend to bragging, but we do not consider that it would do us any more good than by simply remarking, Read it, it speaks for itself.

THE Philatelic Advertising medium *General Anzeiger für Philatelie* is before us, and whatever its merit may be as a philatelic paper, its editor is most certainly of a not too high principle, when we find in its January number an advertisement from a firm offering obscene pictures for sale.

Had this not been brought to our notice we should hardly have believed that the philatelic press should have been made the medium of such depravity. We ourselves take it for granted that all lovers of philately are gentlemen in every sense of the word, and would scorn the very idea of having such advertisements appearing in the literature of their pet study. Moreover, think of the hundreds, yes, and thousands of young people, school boys and others who receive the paper. Are they to be fed on such immoral matter? No, not if we can prevent it. If anything like this appears again we are determined to endeavour to fight it out of existence. and in the name of all English speaking people, in the name of Philately, in the name of everything that is pure, instructive and elevating to the mind of both young and old, we trust that other philatelic writers will take up the pen and come out boldly with their opinions upon this matter in order to keep our literature as it ought to be, a pure and refreshing pastime.

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WE have received from a party residing in this city a rather crude imitation of the 1 shilling, Nova Scotia, which he says was lately sent him by a party in the States. We do not know where the article came from, or who is the enterprising artist. Surely it could not have emanated from S. Allan, Taylor's establishment, but if it did we would say to him, Allan, don't lower your reputation by getting others to make them for you. Do it yourself.

THERE still seems to be quite a number of approval sheet frauds about yet, and we have lately had some very queer experiences. The other day we had a sheet returned to us by a certain party who stated that he had only sold six cents worth, and which hardly paid him for his trouble, on looking to see what was sold we found over \$1.00 of the best stamps taken off, and common Mexican

put in their places. Another sends back one less 38 cents, with a kind little note stating that they are very nice stamps, but does not think that he wants any at present, his letter, however, contains no sign of the 38 cents.

These are a few of the small mean little tricks which have been played on us by some mean persons, who think that because their dishonest actions are so small they will escape any punishment, if, however, they don't soon show up we will make it rather warm for them, their dirty little mean ways of stealing are worse than wholesale robbery, and anyone guilty of such small actions would as the saying is, "rob a church."

WE notice in a late issue of the *New York Graphic* an article on American stamps, in which the writer states that although all the older and rarer issues of stamps are catalogued at high figures, dealers would be very glad to sell them at half the prices quoted.

This may be true in regard to some stamps and some dealers, but not with all. For instance, would anyone go begging for a customer with a one shilling N. S., or N. B., for sale.

WE intend to make our paper a terror to evil doers. Dealers send us your black list.

THE *Texas Philatelist*, a nice little monthly, is to hand. It contains a fair amount of philatelic news and some good advertisements.

THE *Philatelic Magazine*, the January number of which has just reached us, continues as good as ever. We would like to see the February number soon.

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SOME people are always in a great hurry with every thing that they have got to do, and they even carry this into the study of Philately, for example,—The other day we received a post card addressed to us from Savannah, Ga. It contained nothing at all on the back except the date stamp of the offices it passed through, The young man who sent it was evidently in such a rush to post it that he forgot to let us know what he wanted, or what his name or address was.

We are just in receipt of Mr. L. W. Durbin's new Catalogue. It is quite an improvement on the old ones, and we notice that a great many stamps are marked cheaper than ever.

If any of our patrons have any Philatelic news they would confer a favor on us by sending it along.

Exchanges.

THE February number of *The Stamp World, and Wise and Otherwise*, has lately reached us, and contains a lot of news, philatelic and other. It is now one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in America. We are always glad to see it.

THE *Empire State Philatelist* has branched out into a kind of general variety paper, and its February number is quite a book in itself. We trust that it will not neglect its philatelic branch.

Exchange Notes.

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FORGED specimens of the two pence half pennies of the present issue of some of the West India Island stamps are floating about. They are of a very rough make and are generally printed in a wrong color. Look out for them.

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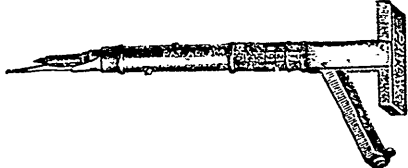
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